Housing & Homelessness



Homelessness is a growing problem in our community. Through the efforts of many organizations working in collaboration with volunteers, businesses and government, Bloomington is making the effort to provide safe shelter for all its citizens. You can participate by building a Habitat home, participating in programs at the Shalom Community Center or volunteering at one of the many support agencies.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.

917 S. Rogers St. 47403 332-0999

www.bloomington.in.us/~kitchen

Volunteer Contact: Annie Brookshire Email: kitchen@bloomington.in.us

Minimum Age: 13 w/Parental Supervision: 10

Provides hot, nutritious meals to individuals in need Monday through Saturday, free of charge with no questions asked. Also distributes meals to kids through "Feed our Future" and Summer Breakfast Program.

* Volunteers help prepare and serve free meals six days a week for in-house and carry-out patrons. No experience needed. Two volunteer shifts: prep shift 11:30 am-1:30 pm; serving shift 3:30-6:30 pm. Five volunteers needed per shift.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MONROE COUNTY

PO Box 1441 47402 331-4069

www.monroecountyhabitat.org

Volunteer Contact: Sean Price Minimum Age: 14/16 on worksite Email: volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org

Builds simple, decent homes in partnership with low-income families in need using volunteer labor and materials to keep home ownership affordable.

* Volunteer food providers donate a lunch item, dessert or snack to construction volunteers on a one-time basis or longer if preferred. Teens with computer skills are needed to work in the office, greet the public in the front office and help in diverse areas in an upbeat atmosphere with people of different ages and interests. Learn construction skills by working on a team to help build homes on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. All abilities and skill levels are welcome. Complete training and support are provided. For most construction, volunteers must be 16.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MONROE COUNTY RESTORE

300 W. 11th Street 47404 331-2660 www.monroecountyhabitat.org

Volunteer Contact: Rick Lock

Minimum Age: 15

Email: restore@monroecountyhabitat.org

The ReStore sells donated items at a discounted price and the funds raised stay in Monroe County. Hours: Tuesday-Friday from 10am-6pm; Sat from 10am-4pm

* It's not just a store, it's a ReStore! The Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County ReStore sells donated building materials and household items at discounted prices with the funds raised going to support Habitat for Humanity's mission of building decent affordable housing for people in need in the community. You can join in supporting this mission by volunteering to staff the ReStore as a cashier, a warehouse associate or by assisting with merchandise pickup. Various shifts are available.

HANNAH HOUSE MATERNITY HOME

808 N. College Ave. 47404 334-2662 www.cpcbloomington.org

Volunteer Contact: Tessa Ashton Minimum Age: 16

Email: tessa@cpcbloomington.org

A residential care center for pregnant women and teenagers operated by Crisis Pregnancy Center. Provides housing, case management, counseling, education and life skills training.

* A variety of volunteers needed: tutors, recreational activity planners, donation pickup, grocery shoppers, cleaning help, lawn care help and child care workers.

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SALVATION ARMY

111 N. Rogers St., PO Box 2117 47402-2117 336-4310

www.salvationarmyindiana.org

Volunteer Contact: Leah Sinn Minimum Age: 16

Email: leah_sinn@usc.salvationarmy.org w/Parental Supervision: 10

Provides clothing, furniture, household items and more, free to those in need. Also sells donated items at a low cost to the general public to support its social services.

* Volunteers are needed to sort and hang clothing in preparation for the daily free distribution to the needy. Quality inspection of clothing for free give away and general sales to the public. Store is open Monday through Saturday 10 am - 6 pm.

SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER

PO Box 451 47402-0451 334-5728

www.bloomington.in.us/~shalom

Volunteer Contact: Pam Kinnaman Minimum Age: 15

Email: kinnaman@bloomington.in.us w/Parental Supervision: 12

A safe, daytime resource center for those experiencing homelessness or poverty; provides breakfast and lunch daily as well as referrals, social service contacts, job help, clothes, groceries and internet access. Operating hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

* Assist with the Monday through Friday breakfast and lunch program, including set up, meal preparation, serving and clean up. Those under 15 should be accompanied by an adult. No more than three volunteers are needed to work at least two-hour shifts each day.